

Form 1: Protecting a Strong Animal

Part 2

My Name: _____

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My Grade (Circle One): 6th 7th 8th

Directions: When you worked on Part 1 of this activity you worked with a partner. This time, you are going to work **by yourself**. Read the first article, *Protecting a Strong Animal* by John Coates. Questions 1 – 9 ask about the first article **only**.

- Circle the letter (A, B, C, or D) to show your answers.
- Each question has only **one answer**.
- You may look back at the article at any time.
- **You must answer the questions by yourself.**

1 What is the author’s **main point** about honey badgers in the article?

- A. They live in many parts of the world.
- B. They need to be protected.
- C. People should know that they are very strong animals.
- D. Biologists need to find new methods to help them.

2 Read this sentence from paragraph 2 . Which word is closest in meaning to “**trap**”?

*They are disappearing because humans hunt and **trap** them.*

- A. Trick
- B. Teach
- C. Catch
- D. Eat

3 In paragraph 2, why does the author discuss a video?

- A. To show how popular honey badgers are
- B. To show how strong honey badgers are
- C. To show why honey badgers are in danger
- D. To show how people can learn about honey badgers

4 Read these sentences from paragraph 3. Which word does “**them**” refer to?

*There are safe and cheap ways to protect bees and farm animals. For example, fences can be built around the farms to keep the honey badgers out. Beehives can also be raised off the ground so the honey badger can't reach **them**.*

- A. Beehives
- B. Honey badgers
- C. Farm animals
- D. Fences

5 Based on the information in the article, which sentence is true?

- A. If bees see a honey badger, they will leave their beehive quickly.
- B. If an animal is strong, it does not need protection.
- C. If a beehive is raised off the ground, honey badgers cannot destroy it.
- D. If a medicine is made from honey badgers, it will probably work well.

6 Based on the information in the article, what is probably true about people who use honey badgers to make traditional medicine?

- A. They use both modern and traditional medicine.
- B. They work with biologists to study honey badgers.
- C. The medicine they make is very expensive.
- D. They are part of the reason that honey badgers are disappearing.

7 What does the author say about traditional medicines made from honey badgers?

- A. They are too expensive.
- B. They can cause illnesses.
- C. There is no proof that they work.
- D. There are many different uses for them.

8 Read this sentence from paragraph 4. Then, choose the sentence that has the same meaning.

The honey badger is strong and brave, so some people think that eating it can make them strong and brave, too.

- A. Because honey badger is used in traditional medicines, some people believe they are strong and brave.
- B. Some people believe that if they eat honey badgers, they will get the honey badger's strength and bravery.
- C. Because honey badgers are strong and brave, it is good for people to eat them.
- D. People now know that it is not safe to eat honey badgers.

9 Choose the word that completes the meaning of the sentence.

People who study _____ should try to protect all animals.

- A. biology
- B. biological
- C. biologist

Directions: Now read the second article (the article by Monique Thomas)

Questions 10 – 12 ask about the second article only!

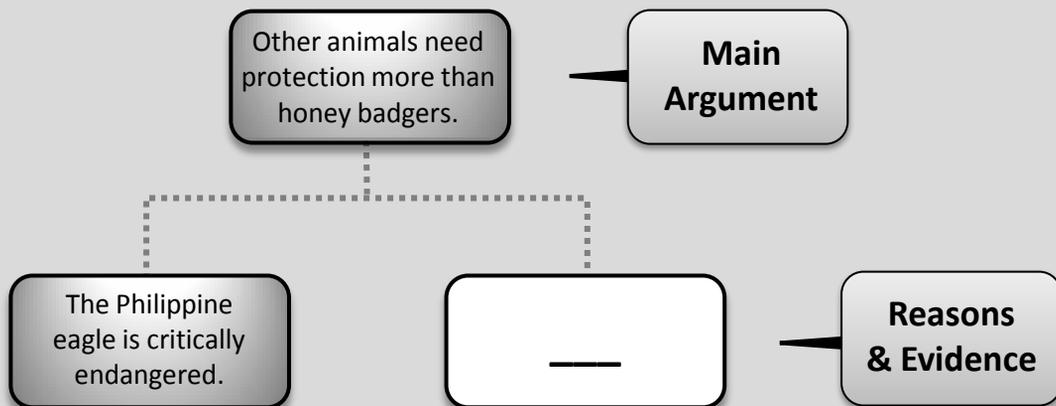
10 In the second article, what is the author Monique Thomas' **main point**?

- A. There are very few Philippine eagles left.
- B. Honey badgers live in more than 80 countries.
- C. Biologists need more money to help protect animals.
- D. Animals other than honey badgers need protection.

11 What information about Philippine eagles and honey badgers does Monique Thomas compare?

- A. Their strength and bravery
- B. The number of remaining animals
- C. The reasons for their disappearance
- D. The types of food they eat

12 The graphic organizer below shows the **main argument** from the second article. Choose the sentence that fits in the blank space in the graphic organizer.



- A. Honey badgers are wonderful animals.
- B. Honey badgers can be seen in a video on the internet.
- C. The Philippine eagle is a large bird that lives in the Philippines.
- D. Honey badgers will survive without help from biologists.

Directions: Now think about both articles and the arguments that their authors make.

- **Questions 13 and 14 ask about BOTH articles together.**

13 Below are the titles of 4 imaginary articles from Nature News. Which article supports the argument that honey badgers need protection?

- A. *World Honey Badger Population Continues to Grow*
- B. *Hunting Leads to Extinction of Honey Badger in India*
- C. *Honey Badgers Attack Pet Dogs*
- D. *Honey Badger Video Receives Millions of Views on Internet*

14 What do John Coates and Monique Thomas agree on?

- A. They agree that there are inexpensive ways to help all endangered animals.
- B. They agree that biologists should help protect animals.
- C. They agree that biologists need to study honey badgers more carefully.
- D. They agree that animals are disappearing mainly because of hunting.